

REPORT

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TO: Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Developing Statewide Consensus on Funding and Support of Blueprint Planning

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve for further development of a statewide policy consensus.

BACKGROUND:

This policy paper proposes a comprehensive planning framework that considers the various challenges associated with future growth, including the improvement of mobility and the sustainable management of environmental and community resources. This comprehensive planning framework (also known as regional Blueprint planning) additionally provides a new approach for allocation of state bond and other public monies, potentially assuring the region that its success in comprehensive planning will leverage substantial monies for project implementation. The planning approach proposed by this paper would depend on dedicated State funding for these local and regional planning efforts. With a framework in place, projects can be prioritized according to performance outcomes (not just project outputs) and benefits, and, in this process, better guide and attract public and private investments.

The planning proposals in this paper would benefit all of California's metro regions; however, in order for such an effort to succeed, it must be a consensus-driven effort, undertaken with partners from around the state. As part of SCAG's partnership efforts, this process will create a stakeholder base for statewide action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Reviewed by:




Division Manager

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Department Director

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Chief Financial Officer